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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON VIET-NAM RELIEF AND ADOPTION OF
VIETNAMESE ORPHANS

REF: PARIS 08526 (NOTAL)

1. PRESS GUIDANCE TO BE PROVIDED BY USIA.

2. PRIVATE CITIZENS WISHING TO CONTRIBUTE (PREFERABLY
CASH NOT COMMODITIES) FOR RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN VIET-NAM
SHOULD MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION, SUCH AS RED CROSS, UNICEF OR
CATHOLIC CHARITIES; NATIONAL AGENCIES DOING RELIEF WORK IN
VIET-NAM; OR AMERICAN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. PARTIAL LIST OF
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US VOLAGS FOLLOWS:

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE, 1011 FIRST AVENUE,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

CARE, INC., 660 FIRST AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW
YORK, 10016

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, 475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NEW YORK,
NEW YORK 10027

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, 386 PARK AVENUE,
SOUTH, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10016

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF, 315 PARK AVENUE, SOUTH,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 10010

WORLD VISION RELIEF ORGANIZATION, 919 WEST
HUNTINGTON DRIVE, MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA 91016

3. WITH REGARD TO ADOPTIONS THE ORPHAN AIRLIFT HAS
BEEN COMPLETED AND AT THE PRESENT TIME THE GOVERNMENT
OF VIET NAM (GVN) HAS NO PLANS FOR ANOTHER MASS EMIGRATION
OF CHILDREN. THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE HAS INFORMED
EMBASSY HE PREPARED CONSIDER FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH
THE SEVEN LICENSED AGENCIES OPERATING IN VIET NAM. GVN
NOT PREPARED TO CONSIDER INDIVIDUAL OR PRIVATE ARRANGE-
MENTS MADE WITH ORPHANAGES, PRIVATE PARTIES, OR ATTORNEYS.

THE SEVEN AGENCIES LICENSED IN VIET NAM HAVE BEEN FLOODED
WITH REQUESTS FROM AMCITS ALREADY. WHILE SOME OF THESE
AGENCIES PLACE CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION IN OTHER COUNTRIES
THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE THROUGH AN AGENCY LICENSED IN
THE COUNTRY OF THE PARENTS RESIDENCE AND WHICH HAS A
CORRESPONDENT RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE OF THE U.S. AGENCIES.
FOREIGN NATIONALS SHOULD THEREFORE BE DIRECTED TO
ADOPTION AGENCIES IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES. THE AGENCIES
ABROAD WHICH MIGHT HANDLE PLACEMENTS OF VIETNAMESE
CHILDREN ARE TERRES D' HOMMES, INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL
SERVICES, AND CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS.

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE ARE FAR FEWER CHILDREN
AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION THAN THERE ARE FAMILIES WAITING
FOR CHILDREN. FURTHERMORE, AMEMBASSY SAIGON IS NOT IN A
POSITION TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF FOREIGN GROUPS
WISHING TO ADOPT CHILDREN. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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